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Pedro Diaz Lanz 201

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- 24 Oct 59 Routing & Record Sheet to Hunt recd 30/10
forwarded 2 nov. of Diaz Lanz file.

- CIA watch office 24 Oct 59.
into that plane ^{involving} ~~involved~~ by Pedro Diaz Lanz to
drop leaflets and prob bombs over Havana 24 Oct 59.

May say 26 Oct 59 piloted by Lanz to disrupt
Castro rally.

- Dispatch 23 Oct 59.

re leaflet.

Attached sample of leaflets dropped from Diaz Lanz's
plane 21 Oct 59

- Dispatch 18 Sept 59. to Chief WHD from Havana CIO
R: Operational ~~group~~ group
PDL

Crypt: ~~████████~~ PDL

Subj. said he had gone to Miami and talked w/~~PDL~~
~~████████~~; who told him that he needed a man
for his Miami organization, the person he had
in mind was a Captain in the Cuban Air
Force who was willing to join him. He instructed
the subject to see his Havana contact and arrange
for officer's extraction. Subj. asked ~~████████~~ whether
his Havana contact (Gebaise or Ray rock) had this
capability, and QDBIAS answered that they did.
Station assumes that QDBIAS obtained his

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expatriation info from QDCHAR. Subj. also said that QDBIAS has ODYKE contacts in Miami.

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- DOC. cross ref for 201-259120 (Lanz 201 file)

re: Ricardo Luis LORIA y Valle - ca. 1928, a 31, passport 09552, \$ Diaz Lanz age 32, passport 10693 left Costa Rica for Miami Fla. 24 Dec 58 and re-entered Costa Rica from Mexico on 31 Dec 58

- memo for record 7 Aug 59.

Re: Conversation, approx. one-wk prior - betw. Eugene R. Gonzalez and Mr. Alfonso Moscoso, former amb. from Ecuador to US & ex brother-in-law of former President Galo Plaza of Ecuador.

Moscoso told me in strict confidence that his good friend Ecuador Amb to US (Escudero) claimed to have info and docum. proving Diaz Lanz recd approx \$100,000 from pro-Batista groups to defec & testify before U.S. cong.

- Dispatch 7 Aug 59. To Chief WH Div from Miami (Karnley) Re: Meeting w/ QDBIAS, QDCHAR, QDCOVET

outlined plans in meeting - Subjs will recruit groups which bear Batista taint. Suggest propaganda program. Discussion of poss. act; possible procedures - i.e. transmitter on boat broadcasting from various positions in the Caribbean Sea.

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QDCOVE - described as leader of group, most intelligent group was cautioned about need for security. "However, there is a close and apparently unshakeable relationship with people like Frank Fiorini & other people w/ whom they were close during the revolution. I have repeatedly cautioned them about Fiorini specifically & they have always responded by recognizing that Fiorini is a threat in that he takes too much. But as and if (sic) we proceed with this group, it has to be done with the expectation that Fiorini and others are going to be frequently around this group and we will have only the word of these people that he and others are not being informed of their activities."

- In March QDCOVE went to Belg. w/ rank of Amb. to negotiate deal re: arms. Deal cost \$8 mil which QDCOVE personally paid thru letters of credit.
- Dispatch 4 Aug 59. to chief WH Div from Miami Chamber, Report on Miami base involvement in arrival of Pedro Diaz Lanz in U.S.

Lazz party - Diaz Lanz, his wife Tania, Sergio Diaz Borell; Carlos Echegoyen. Echegoyen & Borell had chartered boat to pick up Diaz Lanz. Wanted to hold party several days. Diaz concerned about his brother Marcos.

QDAHUM, QDARBOR assisted hiding Diaz. Major OTTO of Army visited, wanted to talk to Diaz despite CIA's attempts to let him rest. Tentative plan was Diaz would be taken from INS, put in a secure place, moved to another area in country, put thru intensive interrogations then removed to foreign area where he would be surfaced. Gen. Caselli expected to discuss matter w/ ^{Gen.} Ruiz

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re: turn over of Diaz to Kennedy. Complications that set in - different versions of what passed betw. Gen Cabell and Gen. Saway; appearance of Eastland Committee rep.

- Article - Drew Pearson - Wash Post - 7-24-59 - "Defecting Cuban Chief Exploited."

- Memo for Record 15 July 1959
Re: Testimony of Diaz Lanz. (testified 14 July)
Prominent communists -

Fidel, Raul, Vilma Castro, Ernesto Guevara, Anton Nunez, Arnaldo Hart, Manuel Pineiro, Amaro Ramiro Valdez, Fru Ana, Fru Escalona, Fru Lanusa, Ecelio Gomez Ochoa, David Salvador, Carlos Franqui, Cen. Alberto Bayo, Frank Torre.

- Sp. lang. article 17 Jul 59. "Verdadera Estatura critica Pedro Diaz Lanz"

- CIA Memo of conversation 10 July 59.
Re: Tel. conversations w/ Herbert Ace, Dir of Intelligence Bureau of Immigration. w/ T.J. Flores.

- Draft Memo for Record JCK (initialled).
8 July 59 Re: Diaz Lanz case.

Info recd from friend of Diaz in Miami - name Byers & son: Sergio Diaz & Carlos Echegoyen (former civilian in Cuban AF intel.), who had obtained boat in Miami which was used to bring Diaz from Cuba, had gone to see Byers immmed. after their release by MI6. They were accompanied by Frank Pidoni, ta

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Citizen w/ reputation as shady businessman
who lives in Miami.

They said Schroeder (INS) told Diaz he is to
appear before Senate Sub Committee; would
receive 100% U.S. govt support in overthrowing
Castro.

- Prior to Diaz' departure the Cuban Air Force
purchased one C-46 and one B-25 aircraft
in Miami area. Aircraft in Byers custody &
in Fiorini's name. Fiorini (until 7 July)
trying to get Byers to sell aircraft & turn \$ over to
him (Fiorini). On 8 July Fiorini asked Byers
to hold C-46 for revolutionary plans & sell
B-25. (Fiorini accompanied by Sergio Diaz on 8 Ju)

- Discussion Paper - 7 July 59 re Diaz - publicity o
· Diaz Lanz' arrival.

- Cable from Dir to "foreign L.A. stations" 2 July 59
- Requests max. press and radio exploitation of
defection 20 June of Diaz Lanz, w/ recommenda
tions on particulars of story.

- Dispatch 2 July 1959 to Chief WHD from COS Havana
re Diaz Lanz-Misc - enclosures - 2 copies of letter
from Diaz Lanz to Cuban president.

- Cable 22 June 59. TO Dir from Havana
Re: departure of Diaz Lanz for U.S. Requesting
ODURGE not divulge entry PBPRIME of Pedro
Diaz Lanz

- Cable 21 June 59 to Dir from Havana.
Re: Diaz Lanz departure - w/ help of Jim Boyer,
American, Pres. Aerodex Corp using Boyer yacht.
Requests no publicity.

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- Information Report 18 Jun 59

Re: Chief of Air Forces confidential statements about need for counterrevolution against Castro.

Source: US businessman, operator of private consulting company. Also rep. for major US aircraft manufac. Spoke at length w/ source regarding symptoms of Castro's communist tendencies.

- Cable 7 Jan 59 to Dir from Santiago de Cuba.

Re: 1. Fall Batista stunned Bayamo rebels.

2. Cuban air force demobilized will be built up from scratch. Former officers to be investigated for atrocities. Many to be court-martialed. "Source Fiorini (F) from Diaz have chief Rebel Air

- Cable 25 Nov. 58. to Dir from Mex. City. Rept 3 tons Cuban rebel arms confiscated - 11 Cubans, 1 American captured - of Cubans - Pedro Ruiz Lanz (possibly Diaz Lanz) and Amer = Frank Fiorini. Fiorini named co-pilot and owner plane C-46. Fiorini known as "Francisco" among Cubans.

Of interest absence name Ricardo de la Lorie.

- Cable 22 Nov. 58

Rept Cuban rebels and Amer. w/ C-46 captured at Apatzingan airport Michoacan. Captured (partial list) Diaz Lanz, Frank Fiorini.

- Cable 14 Nov 58

Rept Richardson de la Lorie - brought airplane Phoenix Ariz., scheduled for departure 12 or 13 Nov for Veracruz, Mex. enroute Venezuela. Diaz Lanz will prob. accompany de la Lorie.

- Cable 11 Nov 58 f, Diaz Lanz

Ricardo de la Lorie in San Francisco. Fiorini left Mex

for Prisco by car car night 4 Nov. meet pilots.
De la Horie and Diaz going Ariz. but expect return
Governor Hotel - Poss. Kingman, Ariz re: planes

- Cable 2 Nov 58 to Dir from Mex City.

Man trav. w/ subj's identified as Frank Rorini
Man prob. Pedro Ruiz Diaz Lanz and Ricardo de
la Horie, poss. going Venezuela.

- Cable 30 Oct 58 to Dir from Mex City.

Ric. de la Horie and Diaz Lanz arr. Mex City by car
27 Oct 58. Believed had visa trouble at border.
Unidentified man accompanied them.

- Cable 19 Aug 58 to Dir from San Juan.

Jamaica police questioned Figueroa 14 Aug seeking identifi
addresses. 5 Aug. Figueroa contacted by Diaz Lanz,
pilot of Beechcraft plane N-48-Q, who visits Kingston
often and believed by Jamaica police to be Fidel
Castro courier or pilot. Figueroa said Diaz only brought
personal greetings -

- 201 file request

To RI/Analysis section 5 Jul 1959.
non sensitive

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- News articles -

Argo, April 1976

NY. Daily News. 21 April 1975 by Paul Meski!

- Dispatch to Chief from Chief DELETED - GET FULL COPY

Progress Rept 1-31 Aug 63.

w/ help of Fiorini - able to keep informed of activities of Diaz Lanz bros. in attempts to mount air raid over Cuba. Information then passed to local security agencies in time for them to thwart plans.

- Daily Summary - 1 Aug 63

Flight of 28 July over Havana aborted - bomb & ledger raid planned.

Plans:

Postponed to 31 July or 1 Aug. V Fiorini to head for Marathon keys - as decoy for FBI surveillance.

Lanz bros to leave cars at home to appear as though they are home, but will attempt to reach Weller Williams Ranch where plane to be used for raid is located. Fiorini said plane will carry several bombs made from 100 lb practice bombs cut down to smaller size and filled w/ nuts and bolts for shrapnel.

Ramon Garcia - former Cuban airline pilot to have participated in raid.

- 8 May 63 - Fiorini told source he had been approached by Marcos to patch up differences and cooperate in "anti-Castro activity". Said

money from Cuban in Wash who had helped before. Only told that ~~int~~ operator would be air strike - Pedro would be pilot. Rent plane thru indirect channels. Fanz Bros. assisting in sale of yacht.

"Fiorini had been working w/ the bros. until a falling out. liaison is now evidently being repaired."

- Memo - re: Robt Swanner, Robt Thompson - Riots allegedly shot down over Cuba in Dec. 1961.
20 Mar 63 - Memo to S.J. Grogan, asst to Director.
- investigation by U.S. Auth. hampered by stories - but appears. Wm Johnson, Swanner, Fiorini made 21 Oct 61 overflight - Camaguey for leaf drop. Rorke claims he went as observer.

8 Dec. Swanner intercepted in Nassau first in Nassau by Johnson, Rorke, Fiorini. Tried to get permit to fly to Great Exuma Island, but permit denied, plane impounded.

10 Dec. leaflets found on Norman Cay.

14 Dec. Thompson flew to Ft Lauderdale to pick up Johnson. At some point Johnson left group, and Fiorini, Swanner & Thompson flew to Andros Island.

17 Dec. Thompson and plane (owned by J. Dan Finger) ~~possibly~~ ~~plane~~ missing.

18 Dec. Rorke, Fiorini, Johnson charter plane in Miami for trip to Bimini and Cay Sal.

Rorke id'd self as CBS photographer looking for photos of pink flamingos. Plane flew cross-cross pattern over Cay Sal and returned to Miami. No info re whereabouts of Thompson, Swanner and plane until Mar 63 - story plane shot down over Cuba.

Johnson, Fiorini, Rorke claim CIA sponsorship
In fact have had none. Sponsor appears to
be Sergio Rojas Santamarina - possibly over-
zealous - some of his activities had been CIA sponsored

March 62 Raymond J. Dwyer rep'ng Finger
poss. litigation ag. insurers of aircraft approach
CIA abt poss. gov't involvement - which was
denied. No indication from Castro's speeches
to what happened.

NO agency info on other "elements of incident as
reptd in references, including":

- Mrs. Swanner's story of having driven Swanner,
Fionner, Fiorini & to Ft Lauderdale to load
boat w/ leaflets.
- \$500.00 checks repeatedly given to Mrs.
Mrs. Thompson by Fiorini.
- Mrs. Swanner's reptd trip to Andros Island
w/ her son and friend of her husband.
- mysterious phone calls to Mrs. Swanner,
Mrs. Thompson & Others.
- Role of Gene Asbury and Norman Gratsky
(Gradsky?)

Ref. to Kartino - prob. John Vincent Kartino
sentenced to 13 yrs prison in 59; released
Oct. 62 - not Dec as reptd. Was not, I
not empld by CIA.

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- 12/9/60 Cable to Director fr. WAVE

Hamilton impressed w/ main sincerity & potential
(QDBIAS) QDBIAS enthusiastic over ref.

trip but wanted very careful preparation in
order to avoid any poss. fail. Suggested ample
advance publicity order condition least
government to granting necessary visas
and landing permits.

QD Bias speeding up work on A/C which
can be ready O/A 15 Dec. Plane
can accomodate number named WAVE

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C/S comment: HQS approved planning
Diaz-hanz propaganda "Flight of truth"
as proposed HQS by TWICKER.

- 12/8/60 Cable to Div Ar WAVE

Carlos Oscar Echeveria Leon plans expose ^{stated best} in leading magazine re: KUBARK (Ray)

will say - KUBARK backing AMIRON (Ray or
MRD) w/ funds & equipment. AMIRON

leftist & Communist dominated group

and "Fidelistas sin Rides" KUBARK

gives AMIRON half million per month
cover operating costs. Revival number plane

Diaz Lanz Vol II

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furnished AMIRON by KUBARK and location.

^{Reeve}

- will reveal training sites Guat, PRIME personnel working w/ AMDIP I and AMIRON plans for invasion Cuba.

- Expose AMDIP I for buying off KUBARK personnel Wash.

- claims discussed above & 5 Nov 62 invasion plans AMIRON from Guat. w/ Journe, late Oct 62.

Two men from KUBARK assured Echegoyen funds would be withheld from support AMIRON. Capable carry out threat

Once close Diaz Lanz, but now distrusts him.

Could attempt to discredit Echegoyen

- 6 Dec 60 cable To Dir from GOLD recommend candidates for certain fields -

Lawyer - Enrique Uacco

Student - Jose Ignacio Rascio

Soldier - Ramon Artime

Professor - Oscar de la Vega

Cathol. Act: Enrique Ros.

GOLD - sounding out opinion / desirability : of including Diaz Lanz specifically

- 6 Dec 60 Cable to JMGOLD Havana to Dir.

Rodriguez Tamaya "El Mexicano" offering G-2 info re Diaz Lanz group. Report would put subjects ↑ in prison, claims Tamayo
Claims female friend Diaz Lanz working Miami airport also G-2 agent

- Suggest Diaz Lanz be cautioned re our doubts loyalty his immmed. friends.

- Dispatch 29 Nov 60 to Chief WH dir fr Chief OS, Havana.

excerpts

- Conversation betw. Varona & State 29 Nov 60

Varona says of Lanz - "a young man, somewhat impetuous, who is now working with us."

- 28 Nov 60 Cable to JMHASH from DIR.

"1. Disapprove para 3 & 7 ref. HQS does not desire additional Cuban pilots & does not wish give Diaz Lanz and Company false impression by instituting even limited training program."

2. AMVANG2 advised HQS he passed

^{Local}
US. \$5000 obtained from private sources to repair B-25. Further states aircraft rep'd & Lanz intends make leaflet drop on or about 30 Nov. Possible KUBARK funds passed AMVANG-2 for prop use now being diverted repair aircraft.

3. HQS policy re no ODYOKS sponsored overflight from BPPRIMES 8THU stands. MASH requested take immed. steps to stop flight if cannot accomplish this by persuasion notify local auth. poss. such a flt to enable them impound aircraft. Essential avoid poss. such indep. air ops jeopardize own air ops including use OPA Locha.

4. Reatize Lanz may be polit. asset. If so can best be used that purpose w/in AMR ASP.

WT comment: Tucker states Lanz requests funds to repair personally owned B-25 at cost of US \$5,000. Also wants US \$2,240 to give link training to 9 pilots for 3 mos.

- Cable 24 NOV 60 to Dir fr J MASH.
- 1- Diaz Lanz joined AMRASP bringing
pilots: Abel Hera Coton, Frank
Fiorini; Francisco Lano, Evangelista
Marsuli, Ramon P. Fuentes, Nestor
Avera, Fernando Garcia.
Marcos Diaz Lanz also joined.
- 2 Shortly after joining AMRASP, Diaz
suggested to AMHAWK est. of
spec. mission group comprising
above personnel, all of whom,
according to Diaz are qualified
as A/C mechanics. The group
would drop AMRASP leaflets on cities,
small towns & cooperatives & could
fly cargo missions when required.
- 3 To prepare themselves for standby
readiness Diaz has requested
AMHAWK (\$ AMHAWK has queried
TWICER) for funds to: (A) rehab
the personally-owned B-25 A/C of
Diaz at cost of approx. DLS \$5000.
(B) Provide pilots w/ Link
trainer time (8 pilots at 10 hrs.
monthly, at cost of Dls 8 per
hour) and (C) consider purchase

of Hoat equipped Cessna 180 &/or 210
for int'l / exfil ops.

4. Diaz is proceeding w/ B-26 rehab.
re loan \$2,500 from Miguel Angel
Quevedo, for which, according
AMCHIRP-1, he will air drop
Bohemia over Cuba.

5. While realize present policy
precludes US-based flights, desire at
minimum maintain flight
proficiency thru integrated group whose
current & future activities could be
monitored & directed by the newly-
established joint Cuban/Amer. ops
section of the mil. commission.

Beyond being a pilot, Diaz Lanz exudes
a certain mystique which the press has
been quick to recop. Thus he is
a current propaganda & polit. asset
as well as a potential milit. asset.

6. ATHAWK commented somewhat
equivocally that Diaz Lanz joined
ANPASD primarily to solve his
eon. probs. However TWICKER believes
Diaz highly motivated & recognizes

AMRASP as mainstream anti-Castro org.

Temp. solution has been to assign Diaz
groups to transport commission, which now
functions under MIL commission,
but funds are not currently budgeted
for link trainer time.

7. Request HQs approve initial link
trainer refresher of DLS 960, 15 hrs.
each pilot, then monthly cost of DLS 640.
NOT likely training to extend beyond 3 mos.
8. Full political advantages keeping Diaz
satisfied and cooperative well worth
above relatively minor expenditure.

- Document transfer & cross-ref - 27 Sep - 60
DIAZ LANZ made offer of assist by Subj.
of 201-829376

- 12 Oct 60 cable to Dir. fr. London
- Re: developments in ~~FRD~~
- Dr. Sanchez Arango has left FRD following
a disagreement w/ other leaders. He is now
joining forces w/ groups led by Diaz Lanz,
Conce Aguirre & Others.
 - Barona app'td coord. of FRD - in spite opp.
Fruito Cailllo.

Rept
- Developments re: fighting in Caso - / :

- memo for record re: Rept meeting w/ Segio

Rojas. ~~Re: 27 Sept 60~~
By: Bernard E. Reichhardt

in Wash. 27 Sept.

Spoke to Rojas before planned to departure to Mexico to see Ricardo Lorie, in an effort to give other side than Anti-FRD. Rojas relatively objective but on balance favored view of young revolutionaries of Alianza de liberacion. Analyzed situation of MRR accurately & AMBIDEX-1 became rep. in FRD for MRR, then represented only own views to exclusion of MRR interests. Lamented that number of young men i.e. Chilea, Diaz Lanz, Rino Diaz (Pezum, Rojas unaware who Diaz's mission) wasted by not being put to use. ~~as~~ as result of differences b/w. young revol. & FRD "Los Viejos" Politicos in FRD too far to right. Asked if U.S. might lend support to more than one group. Was told U.S. not supporting any group.

Asked if military types, perhaps Alianza could be given support.

Rojas ^{strong-feeling} saidosity w/ FRD and young revol. not poss. This time - ^{much} TOO anti-FRD sentiment. Fell politicos of FRD self-seeking. Young revol. suffering bitterness,

disillusionment.

R. suggested ~~particular~~ meeting with FRD - Members but not 5 principals. Counter-suggestion made Rojas suggest friends, e.g. Conte Agüero, Horie to approach FRD again

- Memo 19 Sept 60 for: C/WH 14/C1 fr Gerard Drotter.
Re: Request for PB check.
(NOTE: Ans. to check on Moya in Panegue's file)

WADH.

Alliance people rep'td in turn - Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero, Panegue ("Drejo"), Higinio "Nino" Diaz. - could be reached at address of Mrs. Anna Moya. Indicates Rcv'd info that Panegue may be Castro plant. Suggest Bonro check on house and pers. Moya, as well as furnish info on Panegue and/or his activities in U.S.

Panegue's NY address: San Rafael Hotel,
65 W. 45th St, Rm 1E Tel. JA 2-4800

- Memo for: C/WH 14/PA 2 SEPT 60
fr: WH/4/EO - John F. Hallard.
Re: Cubans desirous of meeting w/ State Dept Reps.

Senor Chinea, Panegue, Diaz Lanz, Conte Agüero desire meeting. Indicates St. Dept. personnel have no desire to see Cubans. Author indicates desire give Cubans cold shoulder

no encouragement - cannot operate independently
w/ any type of US support or assistance.

- cable 6 SEP 60 to Dir from MASH. . . Mexi Ctr
Indicates "CRISIS" in military staff -
relations AMEER & Balance AMCIGAR.
Lines of auth. & resp. MASH committees
badly snarled view recent insistence
AMEER has prerogative as AMCIGAR
member

General ill feeling & distrust senior AIRASPER
toward AMEER also applies "his boys":

In military field these include Oscar Diaz
(ground), Orlando Garcia (recruiting),
and Felipe Lidal Santago (naval).

Most immed. issue - Pedro Diaz Lanz who
walked in recruiting ofc last wk august,
volunteered to join AIRASP pilot group as an
individual. Milit. agreed Diaz Lanz fine
pilot, joining AIRASP "political plum"
since he founding member competing "Ariaca".
Nobregas and Villafranca only lukewarm.
At juncture AMEER stepped in, ordered Milcar
accept Diaz Lanz, succeeded putting all
senior mil. staff members in oppos.
Issue still unresolved. Sr ~~military~~

AMRASPER agree meeting absolute necessity to
revalidate their positions w/ a n/a AMICIGAR as
body & particularly their positions in respect
individual AMICIGAR members (AHEER &
AMHAWK).

- Cable Aug 26, 60 to Dir from Havana.
Partially Re: Armando Lora Hernandez - two man.
He was close to Raul Chibas; maintains contact
with Diaz Lanz. Org. resistance in Cuba. Reges
assistance.
- Cable Aug 17 60 to Dir from Havana.
Dissension in AMYUH-1 group more
extensive than financial troubles. Lorie / ~~AMEDDI~~
split caused serious internal repercussions
in terms AMYUH-1 group receiving via
their channels from MASH that ODVOKE
now supporting Lorie, Nino Diaz, Diaz Lanz.
- PRD form - Control de Personal - Pedro Luis
Diaz Lanz
- Memo for Chief WHD Re Tex Rorke (Bie) Jr
6 Jul 60. fr. J.D. Estesine
In interview of Rorke w/ rep. of 00/c in NYC,
Rorke said Diaz Lanz most deserving of U.S.
support. knows Diaz Lanz; planning to

appear on T.V. program NYC 5 July.

Said Somora have agreed to give Diaz Lanz
mil. base in Nicara. will call it Committee
to Rescue L. Amer. from Communism or
similar. Rose Claims Sperville

Zrader tentatively agreed to support
committee

- cable 28 June 1960 to WASH fr: Dir.
Pedro Diaz Lanz not connected PRD in any
way. Tandley will brief WH Comment: concerned
surfacing in Costa Rica of org. headed by PDL
- opp memo - 24 Fe 60 to Chief WH/FI Director
APTN. Bob Reynolds; From: Chief contact -
Divsim, OO (L/A Branch)
Re: Pedro Diaz Lanz.
from E. M. Ashcraft - signed by Harry &
A. ~~H. C.~~ McCraw.

In interview, requested by Carr to ask "what
people think & should do"; expressed desire to
work to overthrow Castro. Not very enthusiastic
about anti-Castro fronte org. in Mexico City.
Reservations about trustworthiness of Artime

- Message to the People of Cuba & Brothers of
America of the Cuban Constitutional
Crusade. Signed 6/16/60 by PDL,

Cmdr Abel Hera Loston; Capt Nabel J.M.
Gonzalez

- Cable 18 June 60 to Dir fr. MASH
18 June Diario Las Americas carries
ad surfaces group called Cruzada
Cubana Constitucional signed by PDL,
Loston, Gonzalez.

Cable indicates concern for need of controlled
& coordinated propaganda effort.
Avoid premature releases

- Dispatch 12-Jan-60
Chief NH Div, from Miami NH Div Rep.
Re: Contact w/ QD Bias 10 JAN 60
by Patrick J. Karsley
Indicates bitter feud betw. QDBIAS & QDCOVE
Also QDCOVE assaulted QDCHAR.

Discussed QDCHAR's recent trip to Guat. QDBIAS
aware but personally opposed ~~to his~~ since
QDCHAR took along Sergio Bruehl and
Fiorini. INS took Fiorini's passport when
he re-entered the US. Apparently
they are "prepared to throw the book at
Fiorini." Fiorini in real danger of losing

his citizenship

(Notes INS also taking action ag. backers)

Sindicates QDCHAR has ideas of his own,
and QDBIAS does not try to stand in
his way.

- 7 Jul 60 to Dir fr. MASH - Cable
PDL about to initiate fund-raising
campaign for group.

Suggests raise w/ XDI GORTS
obvious prob arising out of premature
support anti-Castro movement generally
PDL specifically

WH Comment. Ref indicates Diaz-Lane
preparing launch offensive against Castro
from Guatemala

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir from: ~~telex~~ Havana.
Repts - PDL plans to land well-prepared
force 70-100 Cubans. ASAP - poss. end of May

- 13 May 60 Cable to Dir: fr. Havana
Rept UNR broke contact w/ MAR
due discovered it heavily penetrated.

Note: ref. cable stated Dr. Santiago Rey :
Perma rept b ray group of Cubans

undergoing guerrilla warfare training
Miami area under command Marquez

- Cable May 12 60 to Dir fr: Miami
Action: W4S (Mr. Phillips, WH Div.
notified 2035, 11 May 60)

Summary activities PDL indicating action
imminent.

Rept meeting - discussion betw. Allegro,
Piedro, Roget re: support for PDL -
US \$50,000 mentioned as goal. Not
known whether funds handed over to
PDL tho. Reptd funds obtained

Rept - force - perhaps 100 men, formed by
PDL under supervision Fiorini - PDL in posse-
ssing considerable funds -
some portion \$50 grand? since
much equipment issued to men being
given field training outskirts Miami by
Fiorini - men vaccinated. Have 2
boats, 2 aircraft at their disposal
Believed DL contemplating move
directly from PLA to Cuba. Guat
mentioned - staging base for expedition

Contacted FBI, Border Patrol re: developments
They will contact ~~Fiorini~~ PDL under

circumstances do not intend to contact PDL
myself

suggests close attention both psychol. &
polit. implications of such expedit. movement
by PDL. Question raised whether some
action should be taken to "submerge"
D-L's plans. - on premise "weltestab" D-L
thoroughly discredited both in Cuba &
w/ more resp. exile elements & has consistently
provided "effective peg from Castro for
propaganda" & effect move by DL at
this time might have on JMARc
planning & timing. Also, Implications
of poss. accomodation w/ ouat Govt
on PDL need careful consideration.

"In light of poss. harmful results of
PDL venture, * may wish consider proposing
coordinated action by U.S. Govt to
frustrate this before it gets off the
ground."

- News article Miami Herald 10 April 1960
"18 Castro's Time Run Out"

- Memo for DCI via DDP 30 April 60
Re: CIA involvement in case of harder :
Dr. Lanz, former Deputy Director of

Cuban Revol. Air Force and Applicant for U.S. permanent resident visa.

June 59
PDL resigned - as chief of Cub. Rev. AF, fled to US. ~~Harde~~ went into hiding. ^{tawing} Asked for help to U.S. Exfiltrated him via shipping line. Arr. Tampa, Fla 27 July 59. Deported in Tampa & Miami. Presented himself at INS off., Miami, requesting asylum which was granted.

w/ CIA assist.
Wife & children left Cuba Aug 59 for Mexico, then joined PDL on 24 Sept 59.

PDL left US via New Orleans for Tex City to obtain US resident visa to permit him to go into business in order to earn living. INS wouldn't allow him to return. ~~Heed~~

~~for~~ ^{for} ~~comment~~ from Ben Brinkman
That CIA said PDL intends to continue warlike tactics ~~if he~~ is able to return to the U.S."

- Cable 26 March 60 to Dir from Miami -

See PDL as forlorn, bewildered, outcast.

Excommunicated by ODCOVE for involving self w/ Batista. ^{Did} sign Cajigas/

Pedraza "unity" pledges but was clearly

Re: HAVA 3740

in middle that circus, finally kicked off by Pedraza as little boy playing man's game. ODCOVE feeling sorry for old friend has told PDL he could still be of use to them if willing take orders, avoid publicity. Believe PDL constitutionally incapable of latter. Believe inclusion of PDL would be somewhat menace.

3/9/60

- Memo for the record 21 Feb 60

Re: telephone report from Miami on Activities of
Francesco Cajas

Indicates PDL conferring w/ Cajas, who is planning meeting in ^{Nicaragua} Nicaragua w/ ~~to~~ Somoza

- Dispatch to AIDCPW4 Div fr: Miami WHD Rep.

17 Feb 60. Re: Summary of current QDBIAS activities. written by Patrick Karnley.

Meeting 18 Jan 60 - QDBIAS visited Nicaraguan Emb w/ Hargreaves-Sterling in Wash re: assistance of Nicaragua for military expedition against Castro

Having difficulty w/ INS re passport. Distressed by attitude of ODENVY who reminded him they could arrest him at any time

Author talked to O'DENY re: This matter

QDBIAS ~~enduring~~ rejecting scheme to meet
Somoza as arranged by Luis Arenas.

Discussion w/ QDBIAS re: Cuerda Constitucional
Cubana (CCC), QDBIAS' one-man crusade -
NOT intended to be organization

[Karnley characterizing PDL as very naive, "a
base in the woods" in these matters, ~~but~~ probably
hurting him; but "by no means a
total loss."]

- Dispatch 2 Feb 60

To WHD Rep Team, Havana, Caracas

Mr. Chief WHD signed - Oliver G. Galbord

Re: Meeting of F. Castro w/ Gustavo Machado
in Caracas as reftd by PDL.

Requests interview of PDL by Karnley
"in most minute detail" concerning
his knowledge of contacts ^{set up} ~~by~~ Machado
and Castro as reftd in Parade,
Nash Post 3 Jan 60.

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- Dispatch 18 Jan 60

To: Chief WH Div

FROM: Miami WHD Rep.

Re: Rept of contact w/ QDBIAS 18 Jan 60

Author - Patrick Karnley

Info re: meetings betw Nunez Portuondo and PDL re: whether or not Portuondo willing to lend support to military operation led by QDBIAS w/out political commitment to Nunez Portuondo for future.

PDL discussions re: est. non-profit org to raise funds for activities.

Note: Celorio, who who would be involved, told AtBOARD about scheme, but used name Kleburg, suggesting combine of KLEBORG - LYKES - STANDARD OIL was somehow getting read into this group?

Dispatch 12 Jan 60

To Chief WH Div

Fr Miami WH Rep - signed Karnley

Re: contact w/ QDBIAS 10 Jan 60

Among items:

- PDL considering forming military unit to infiltrate Cuba for action ag. Govt.
- Dispute betw PDL, QDCOV, QDCHAR gru

bard.

PDL had protested QD CHAOS recent trips to
Guatemala w/ Sergio Brull and
Fiorini. Fiorini - question whether he will
be admitted back to U.S. O'DENNY
ready to "throw the book" at him.

VOL TTS

"Political Action File
(Jan 1961 -)

- Memo for Ofc Legis. Counsel : 11 NOV 77

Fr: Raymond A. Warren, Chief LA. Dir.

Re: Allegation by Senior Cuban diplomat

concerning role of Cuban exiles in the
assass. of Pres. Kennedy.

- no further info to supplement this info.

May have been referring to either
Pedro or Marcos -

Notes assoc. w/ Sturgis; article of

20 Sept. 77 re: Korenzi allegations.

- memo for Ofc L C 3 NOV 77

From Chief LA Dir

Re: same as above.

Repts - fairly reliable source said senior

Cuban diplomat stationed abroad, made charges in late Sep 77 to his colleagues that Cuban exiles such as former C.W. Air Force officer Diaz Lao (fus) & others had been involved in assass.

Division believes basis for statement presumably article of 20 Sep 77 in N.Y. - Lorenz allegations

- DO Document extract - b3 8 NOV 77
June 63 Marcos DL invited Frank Morini to join raid against Cuba 15 Jun using moppie owned by him & susj. Others on raid Carlos ~~or~~ Garcia, Salvador Garcia Oler of UR.
- I&J form Dept of Justice - 9/8/71
DOB 11/8/26 Alien Reg # A 10 176-250
SS# 261-54-2581, Havana Cuba.
SPOUSE: Carmen Izquierro, Tania. DOM 1-22-59.
- DOC transfer - X ref - 17 JAN 69
Former head Cuban revol. AF interested making trip Cuba to sink Russian ship.
- DOC Xfer - X ref 26 Jan 64
Reply working w/ Felipe Holas Santiago

on projected raid on Cuba which was to originate from Miami area.

- Memo to Dir. FBI ATTN S.J. Papich 17 JAN 64
FR: DD P.

Re: Accusations made by PDL.

- Rep from this agency recd info 11 NOV 63 from untested source concerning meeting of FORDC in NYC on 3 Nov. 63 during which PDL made following impromptu remarks:

- Claimed State Dept asked him to work w/ them on condition he make no pub. statements accusing Castro of being communist

Offered post of chief of AF in Guat. by Frank Bender, but refused.

Raymond - Bender then offered mayorship of Marianaos

- Accused Kennedy of being Communist at time of being Communist.

- Said Cubans had fight alone - JFK admin. would not help. Said

If the US got were to give one rifle to the exiles, the exiles would be

use to make sure it did not fire back thru the stock instead of thru the barrel.

- Original dispatch of above
with crypts -

to Chief-Spec. Affairs Staff
FBI COS JMWAVE

[redacted] has handwritten note - For the record
Bender never met Lanz, who was
handled by the PH section of the
project at that time -

10/1/64

Signed [signature]

(Brooker? WH Div)
Same mark

- Doc X for \$ X Ref - 31 Jul 63

PDL involved in abortive attempt in air

strike & baffle raid on Hasena, Cuba

Squelched by ODENRY.

- Doc X for \$ X ref 12 June 63

12 June 9, 63 Marcos DL invited Broini to
join raid ag. Cuba to take place weekend 15
June, using poppy owned by Pedro &
Marcos. Others join: Carlos Garcia &
Salvador Garcia Oler-, a CR officer

- Trace Request 15 Apr. 63 Ar PDL

A "Subject is dropped w/out prejudice."

- Doc Xfer & X Ref 25 Mar 63

Diaz owns 2 P.T. boats in Miami area -

Re: rental by subj. of 35 ft speed
boat to anti-Castro grp.

- Doc Xfer & X Ref - 23 Feb 62

Subject: Movimiento Recuperacion Revolucionario
de Causa. MRRRC.

Diaz Lanz came to Miami office w/ 2
companions, Reinaldo Cruz y Blanco -

"SIMON" - Mbr of MRRRC

Recently acquired 4 boats from Hampton
Roads Salvage Co. of Tallahassee.

[Other companion not id'd.]

- Cable 11 Feb 61

To: BEN

Note:
not operat

From: WAVE

Re: info that Lt Col "Oscar Diaz, Chief
Recr of MILCOM...conspired to slow up
recruiting - discredit recruiting team.

Found Diaz manipulating records &
was sabotaging behind MILCOM and
PBPRIMERS back.

WAVE comment:

Evidence turned up confirmed intrigue by

Diaz

- Doc Xfer & X ref 05 Oct 62

Re: Anti-Castro Activities.

Info:

PDL spoke at meeting held at Bayfront Park 9/29/62 - told Cubans idea of recruiting Cubans "dreamed up" by U.S. to keep fooling the Cubans. Claimed Cubans had been tricked because they did not understand what was going on.

- Trace request 30 Apr 62

After discussion betw. a rep. of this Agency & the Dept of Army on 28 May 62, the Dept of Army has agreed, in view of info contained in our Agency files, to drop interest in Subj.

- Biography PDL.

Revolutionary activities began in 52 when he started running rifles into Cuba for Frio. '53 exiled in Miami until 55, and started ferrying arms for Castro. '58 app'td chief of 26 July AF, held until defection Je 59 'Leaflet drop Oct 59.

Not known to belong in any polit. party.
Formed own movement - CCC but was unsuccessful in obtaining support; considered by FRD

§ other moderately liberal groups as including some ex-Batista army officers. Reptd in April 1960 Diaz had committed CCC & SCIF to group headed by Marquez Shorey. However, subsequently CCC merged w/ Alianza de Liberacion - amalgamation of several younger groups of Cuban exiles. Although considered somewhat of a "ghosthead", does have considerable stature as former Chief of AF and recently he & some of his followers accepted into FRD.

Currently - member FRD

Endorsed by - Mr. Braden, Mr. Colligan of Freeport Sulphur.

Memo for: WH/4/Finance 5 Jan. 62
Re: Overdue Accts.

Pedro Diaz Lanz - \$400 passed on 19 Jan 61 as expense money for a prop tour taken w/ his Conte Agüero & others. Plan called for use of Diaz Lanz's plane piloted by him. Plan changed found too difficult to get necessary permits for plane. Finally Conte went alone when PDL balked at being Conte's shadow. Meantime, Diaz Lanz dabbling in politics, appeared before Senate committee and succeeded in making himself useless as a

Conf supp.

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Holle (601) 278-400 ex. 657

Bloom - need this

Alders

call Alisbrodt

697-8950

Alfonso

DC 604 311 200

San Nicolas

537 0161

Clegg in charge off

propaganda asset.

Signed - Stannard Short

- Cable to JMWARE from Dir. 6 July 61.

request JMWARE review requirements for use
Pedro Diaz Lanz in boat ops. Feeling here
he indiscreet and would compromise
mission. DOA not irritated.

- Aldo Vera note - iden w/ Mjr Aldo Serafin Vera.

former underground leader against Batista-

Held following positions w/ Castro govt.

- Head of Dept of Invest. of Cuban Rev. Police

- Cuban Army G-3 Section

- Chief of G-5 of Cuban Army

- 29 Apr. 60 repto as one of officers in
charge of caching arms in various
intervened houses in Havana.

- 2 Jun 60 repto replaced as Dsp.

General of Cuban Revolu. Army,

not named to another post.

- 21 Sep 60 reportedly trying to est. contact
w/ oppos. frps., but in reality a
govt agent

Dispatch - TO Chief WHD PR - Chief of Basy,

JMWAVE

Re: "17th of April" Movement

Organization to be presided over by

"military junta" - not one leader only, w/
both members of Rebel army and Batista
Army

Diaz Hanz does not hold a steady position
because he considers himself a "leader"
rather than a "soldier"

Believe info on secret meeting of group
leaked to Cuban Govt by Aldo Vera.

- Intell. Rept 14 Jul 61 Re: Cuban counter-
revolutionary Base

Rept - 250 free Cuban troops & 7 aircraft
based on Isla de Mujeres off shore of
Quintana Roo Province, Mexico. Plan -
military expedit - included:

PDL

Felipe Vidal

Teniente (EN V) Chinea

Dispatch 31 May 61 TO Chief WHD from
Chief of Base JMWAVE

Re: Fuerzas Aereas de Liberacion (FAL)

All pilots & members of Air Force who were in
camps had a meeting during which ACCAFLA
S spoke & said they had to hold an
election to appoint chief of AF & later to
present it to AMBUD-1.

Arguments ensued. Capt Perez did

not agree w/ this type election. Left meeting w/ grp of men.

Kikafana, Tener also spoke. More than half persons left

AMCLATTER-S elected as chief

First election had given votes to Diaz Lanz, AMCLATTER-S and others. PDL reportedly tried to take over. Caused scuffle. BP felt they shouldn't have allowed PDL pilots to vote in 1st place - called for 2nd election. Held May 24

FAL members loyal to AMBOD,

Cable 23 May 61 to BDU from: SH TIDE Info - author met numerous citizens in Miami - apparently pilots. Expressed interest in returning w/ author to SH TIDE. Luning, Garcia, Herrera, etc., to "stay proficient in flying". PDL Rivas, Alberto, apparently creating disturbance "by trying to take over". Good stable group of men.

"The hard core will remain together as the same unit and will be and are ready if needed."

- Dispatched 18 May 61 to Chief WHD from Dispersal
Base JMWAVE

Meeting of Cubans in Bayfront Park, Miami.
Author - Stanley R. Zamka

- 8 May 61 - Meeting in Bayfront Park
organized by PDL et al. involved w/ "Cuban affair"
to attack North Americans, Manuel
Artime

- Cable 1 May 61
TO Bell from JMWAVE -

7 individuals of Diaz Lanz grp being paid
total of \$1,500 mo. by AMIRON

GTP not active & some have not picked
up April paychecks.

Request authority drop group from
AMIRON rolls effective 1 May 61
at Discretion WAVE

- Memo for AMDIP/A 28 April 61
Re : conversation w/ Mr Joseph
Newman, NY Herald Tribune
Rept'd 27 April 61
Author: Howard Kurt

Discussed JMWAVE matters -

"To separate fact from fiction on an off the record basis"

Discussed several areas:

Ricardo Lorie - PDL -

These men alleged CIA had given insufficient support to Lorie's boat ops, & demanded details of ops, but each time CIA-chosen course was followed their boat was interfered with by Castro gunboats.

Artime -

Hunt explained reasons for CIA procedures - avoid duplication & compromise of effort; avoid hostile monitoring of communications, Coast Guard interference; provide rescue in emergencies.

Artime.

Lorie & Diaz denounced Artime as Castro penetration agent. - Bolstered by Newman's recollection that Juan ORTA was believed to have said Castro once claimed an agent high in counter-revol. circles.

Hunt explained Lorie lost out in MRR power struggle; PDL felt personal resentment, political vindictiveness. Artime's father was suggested a communist, but Artime's more

formative years spent w/ 4conits.

Aureliano Sanchez Arango -

re: attacks of GRU C by Sanchez and
Fidel Figueres

Aldo Diaz

re: story that CIA had not kept its
agreements w/ Diaz, making it
imposs. for Diaz to land his
force in Cuba.

Hunt: "I explained what really
happened.

Eloy Gutierrez Menoyo -

re: allegations that Gutierrez & Menoyo were
detained at McAllen, TX to appease
Battista & Trujillo partisans.

Hunt explained above to TX decided
on by INS to insure safety
of Gutierrez; assess grp's conflicting
tales. GRP arrived too late for
inclusion in military program.

Revol. Council complaints

re: gen. theme that U.S. had not
lived up to its commitments to
provide air cover for landings
despite pre-invasion promise by Pres.
Kennedy to provide this umbrella.

Hunt explained RC looking for
scapegoat. Said Pres. had made

no such positive commitment to RC before the invasion ... Pres. dispatched Misses Besse & Schlesinger to HHQ in NY prior to invasion to say Pres. had said quite the contrary. Said personal interview betw. Pres. & RC had taken place on 19 & 20 April, in fact.

As to lack lack of protective air cover, HH cited failure of RC's B-26s to eliminate Castro air forces during 15 Apr. Strike. HH "mute" as to fault for lack of second mop-up strike. Said Sados in Guatamala becoming untenable - open for Oppos. congress inspection by 18 Apr. - Newman - declared - realization that it wasn't sabotage by Communist agents - "we sabotaged ourselves!" -

Newman expressed interest in HH identity. Conceded he had never heard "Edwards".

- Dispatch 25 March 61 - to Chief WH Div from
Chief of base - Havana.

Re: Anti-PRD activities of Carlos PRIO
Socarras-

Prio held meeting 7 Mar 61 at Everglades
Hotel, Miami, Fla. made anti-PRD
statements to press.

Men who had been planning action w/
PDL, left him, joined Prio, since PDL
lacked resources.

- Dispatch 3 Mar 61 to Chief of Base, JMWAVE,
fr. Chief, WHD

Marcos D-L., anticipating arrest for anti-comm.
activities, made advance preparations to
have one of his ^{"reps"} ~~representatives~~ contact ODIBEX
ofc. Lt. Douglas ~~_____~~ Lethbridge Aguilera,
^{Marcos} FAR ofc, or one of these reps.

Marcos stated that Lethbridge trying to
get names of Russian NKVD agents in USA
& when he has penetrated Com. orgs. in Cuba
he will disclose their plans to ~~see me~~ "see me."

- Doc X for § cross-ref - 28 Jul. 63

involved in poss. aircraft bomb and
leaflet raid on Havana Cuba to take
place on 28 July 63.

- Memo of meeting held at home of Juan Carlos [Fernando Rodriguez]
2-26-61

PDL, Juan Carlos, Com. Gonzales met, decided Diaz Lanz start out for Cuba. Believe PDL good name will help get Amer. assistance.

PDL expressed bitterness toward FRD and Artime.

- Cable - 17 Feb 61

to BELL fr WAVE

Neither PDL nor AMNORM-1 recollect knowing Enrique Molina Rivera AKA Arturo Morales Y Rodriguez

- Cable 10 Feb 61

TO JM WAVE fr: BELL

PDL passed \$460 advance by HQS during trip ZP METAL. WAVE should obtain accounting.

- Cable 3 Feb 61

TO: JM WAVE

FR: BELL

AMCORE 2 & QDBIAS returning from 4 Feb. As result inability obtain visas

w/ permission for plane, tour to be made w/o one or both via commercial flights. Tion plans contingent alleged AIDIP-1 offer to QDBAS make him replacement for LITAINT-1 in AMIRON ORG. AM CORE 2 reports tentatively offered post as prime minister prov. for by AIDIP 1, but would make tour regardless.

Subj will call Choden for contact instructions WAVE Co when assistance needed.

- Routing & record sheet - 1 Feb 61.

Notes: Re : PDL.

"Diaz Lanz would cause increased morale problems at MADD.

Possibly could use unilaterally "No interest to PHOZS!"

- Memo 1 Feb 61 for WH/4/PM/JAM

Re : PDL.

Met w/ Michael M. Haney (WH/4/Prop) to ask if he could be pilot in FRD Air Force.

Author recommends PDL would aid greatly in creating esprit de corps and discipline.

- Dispatch 20 Jan 61

TO Chief WHD from Chief of Base JMWAVE
Re: Frank Tiorini - comments re: alleged
plans of KUBARK.

On 4 Jan 61 Mr. Joseph A. Forney,
Supervising-Customs Agent in Miami, sent
attachment A to local Chief of RUMTAC
who in turn sent it to JMWAVE.

Inasmuch as the content of Attach.
A appears to implicate PDL in an
unfavorable manner, CRABANAC
investigated the case & submitted a
memo dated 9 Jan 61, Attach B.

Chief of Base agrees w/ conclusion
in para 7 of Attach B.

- Attachment A -

Writer Edward D. Pickle, Customs Agent
and Cust. Agent Steve Trinas
interviewed Sturges on Dec 30, 1960 at
his residence 2080 SW 60th Court,
Miami, Fla.

Alan McDonald, close assoc of
Sturges, also present. Tiorini said B-25
seized by Customs, used for leaflet drop
on Havana, was returned to him after
payment of charges - \$2,800.00. Money
was furnished by KUBARK. § ~~stamps~~

he had turned over the airplane for use by PDL. PDL was at aircraft almost every day - preparing plan for "good will tour" of Central Amer. countries, to be sanctioned by KUBARK.

Writer told Fiorini he was prob. being duped - many open talk that U.S. supporting group - always w/out foundation.
On question of Fiorini said he spoke to KUBARK agent by the name of "Barker" of 4420 N.W. 5th St.

Office contacted PDL for cooperation. PDL was advised Fiorini was interviewed earlier that day - PDL expressed concern that Fiorini might get involved in way that would impair plans of anti-Castro groups.

Office making report because "loose talk" by Fiorini might have adverse effects.

PDL had earlier interviewed Fiorini, presumably re: similar "loose talk"

- Attachment B - 9 San 61.

- Alleged \$2,800 payment & presumed to be part of money given to PDL by Saralegui as personal loan

2. PDL, preparing his aircraft for the trip to
Venezuela and instructions given by him to
aircraft technicians including poss. use of
nat'l flags on nose of aircraft would
confirm Diaz intends to visit # of
countries.

3. Bartes says he met Fiorini on only one
occasion w/ a group of people & has
never seen him before or since.
Alleged address of Barker provided
by Fiorini not correct.

4. Fiorini has lost confidence of PDL &
has been treating w/ such people as
Pusco in an attempt to involve
himself in anti-Castro activity.
Note PDL expressed concern Fiorini
"might get involved . . ."

5 PDL alleges he & his people wounded
by federal agents whose interest in
plans has been piqued by plane
overhauling activities & that these
federal officials asked leading &
provocative questions.

6. entire Earr. Comte of FRD, as well as

propaganda commission, fully acquainted w/ preparatory plans for flight and it is, however, not strange plans have become known outside that immed. grp.

1. However, a review of Customs rpt, together w/ above, would indicate that "the essential element of plausible denial still remains."

- ~~DO NOT~~ Cable 10 Jan 61 TO Bell from WAVE
Following Chron. applies to preparatory actions
for PDL trip -

select flight strip party; obtain visas;
landing permits; establish flight route;
lift govt agency restrictions on PDL and
aircraft. FRD send letter of
instruction to FRD delegations in host
countries outlining advance prepara-
tions necessary -; special equipment
for plane - PDL suggest tape
recordings be made at local stops for
mailing back and use on swan.

Expect concrete team during wk of
9 Jan. PDL will handcarry
passports and flights documents to
Washington, obtain visas & landing
permits & submit results to

Chadon who to finalize flight route.

Have told QDBMS aim a 15 Jan takeoff
tho realize this prob. optimistic.